

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 1 and 2, of which claim 1 is independent. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of its subject matter. No claims have been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

Claim 3 was identified as reciting patentable subject matter and being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As the Examiner will appreciate, the salient features of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1 and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 has now been placed in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is therefore allowable for reasons noted above with respect to claim 1.


Applicants have also amended the drawings to address the informalities cited therein. Accompanying this Amendment are replacement sheets for Figures 4-8, labeling each as --Prior Art--. In addition, Applicants have amended Figure 2A in the manner suggested by the Examiner and have removed reference numeral "60" from Figure 2C. Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate reference numeral --58--, thereby addressing the final objection to the drawings. Acceptance of the replacement drawings is respectfully sought.

Applicants have also amended the specification to address all of the noted informalities therein. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully sought.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully sought.

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